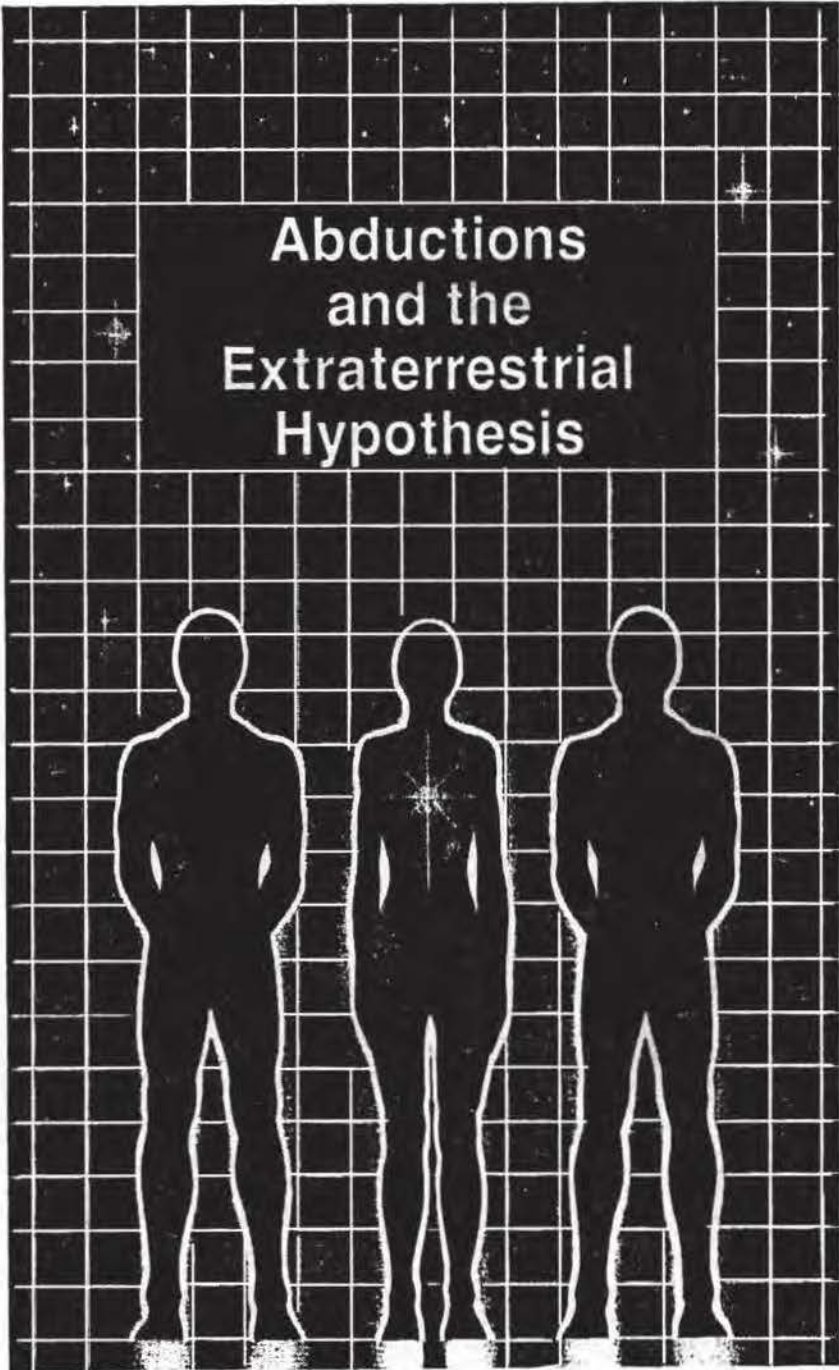

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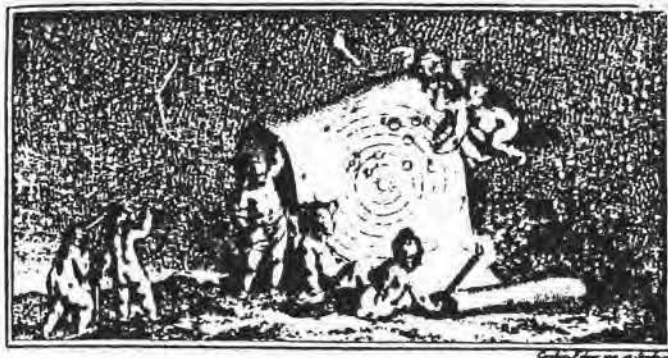
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the International Mutual UFO Network Symposium 1988

Welcome to the July issue of the JOURNAL of the FORTEAN RESEARCH CENTER.

For those of you who have been following the JOURNAL know that the International MUTUAL UFO NETWORK (MUFON) held the 1988 symposium in Lincoln's own Nebraska Center over the weekend of June 24-26.

The amount of information presented at the symposium was considered to be, by some, overwhelming. In this issue, we will be presenting to you a somewhat condensed version of the various speakers' lectures, highlighting the important aspects of each. If we were to attempt to print each speaker verbatim, this journal would immediately be turned into a novel.

Please keep in mind that we do not wish to hold any information from the public. All the transcripts contained in this journal are taken directly from the master cassette tapes the FORTEAN RESEARCH CENTER made at the symposium.

If there are any questions pertaining to the information dealt with in this journal, please feel free to write to us and we will get an answer to you in a future issue.

All statements and opinions (unless otherwise noted) are those of the individual speakers and do not reflect the viewpoints or opinions of the FORTEAN RESEARCH CENTER.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE FORTEAN RESEARCH CENTER.....

August 20 is going to be our next meeting date. However, instead of just having a business meeting, we are going to liven things up with a supper/video meeting.

Bring a pot-luck dish at 7pm to the home of director Scott Colborn. The business meeting will follow immediately after eating and at 8pm will be a video presentation of "UFO's Are Real."

Please notify either Scott at 483-7284, or Dale at 477-3006 if you plan to attend.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

To many people in general, and UFO researchers in particular, there is a wide gap between an unknown object seen in our atmosphere, and considering whether or not the same unknown object has occupants. A physical, manifest, operational craft seeming at times to exhibit intelligent control, and other times to have a behavior which appears irrational to us. A craft which can be seen both by ground personnel and pilots flying nearby, with both ground and airborne radar locking on the "target." A craft that can be photographed-indeed, when one surveys the wealth of books, periodicals, and papers available for scrutiny, it is apparent that there exists an on-going "great debate" over who has the best photograph, or "Gee whiz, is it a legitimate photograph or a hoax?"

I concur that an "Extraordinary phenomena requires extraordinary proof," to paraphrase remarks by Carl Sagan. However, it would seem that when a researcher continues to see a great quantity of UFO reports, many of which by the measureable elements involved

demand scientific appraisal, and more importantly that the basic integrity, honesty, and character of the witness is unblemished, the researcher eventually has to go beyond the nuts and bolts of the issue and ask questions about the nature of the UFO reality and the implications for the human race.

To paraphrase Rev. Barry Downing, theological consultant to MUFON, and borrowing from the movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "Who are these guys and what do they want?" Which leads us to the occupants of the craft.

Occupants of craft who, after a bit of aerial maneuvering, might want to land and get out to stretch their legs (or shall we say appendages). Occupants who have reason to "make contact" with citizens of the Earth, or perhaps it is just a continuing extraordinary coincidence or just plain dumb luck that when these occupants go for a stroll (in a range of areas from sparsely to highly populated environs), human beings are encountered.

The southeast Nebraska area is apparently not immune to the interface between the UFO reality and the human experience. I have done some work with a young woman who grew up in a small town in Nebraska and she related to me initially a re-occurring dream of someone at her bedroom window when she was living with her parents. This "someone" was revealed under hypnosis to be an occupant of a UFO.

Lots of items in her hypnotic regression are very similar to other UFO abductions. Of particular interest is that she seemed to physically pass through the walls of her house, and also the exterior of the UFO. She was taken on board the disc-shaped craft which had landed at night next to her house. When she asked who they were, she was told telepathically that they were "explorers," and that they had planned on abducting someone else, but that the person had taken a

wrong turn driving out of town and had gotten lost. She was "in their files," as if to suggest some kind of tracking or monitoring.

This case is much more complex and lengthy than space permits, but I think it serves the purpose of reminding us that we need to consider the questions poised by the interface between the UFO reality and our human experience...indeed, who are these guys, and what do they want?

For me the only realist is the visionary because he bears witness to his own reality.
Frederico Fellini

If I find a film dull, I find it infinitely more entertaining to watch the scratches.
Norman McLaren

Jean-Pierre Aumont says to Andre Gide, "May I ask you an indiscreet question?" To which Gide replies, "There are no indiscreet questions, there are only indiscreet answers."

That which we die for lives as wholly as that which we live for dies.
e.e. cummings

For example, everyone automatically assumes that the present is the result of the past. Turn it around, and consider whether the past may not be the result of the present. The past may be streaming back from the now, like the country as seen from an airplane.
Alan Watts

Picasso once said that painting is a blind man's profession.

It is completely unimportant. That is why it is so interesting.
Agatha Christie



Marge Christiansen-Public Relations Director for MUFON
"Hynek's Last Wish for UFOlogy"

In 1981 Dr. J. Allen Hynek spoke at the Mass. Institute of Technology on UFOlogy as a profession. He had called for UFOlogists to unite. To close ranks and unite as individuals in a spiritual bond, to set up a code of professional standards, a code of ethics for researchers, investigators, and writers on the topic.

I have decided to violate a confidence and reveal the details of a private meeting I had with Dr. Hynek two-and-a-half years ago and disclose information about a proposal which was an outgrowth of that meeting.

In August 1985 in Beverly, MA, Hynek became ill, taken to the hospital and was told to relax. I was taken aside and invited to breakfast the next morning. He insisted on a private meeting so he could tell me something important.

He wanted to talk about elevating UFOlogy to a professional status. What could be done to get the three major UFO organizations, MUFON, CUFOS, and the Fund for UFO Research, to exercise greater mutual cooperation and less duplication of efforts? To effect a greater utilization of the efforts since both funds and manpower are limited in UFOlogy. Above all, he wanted us to be professionals.

Why me? He wanted me to submit a proposal to the three

organizations aimed at achieving the goals he had discussed. Hynek had no intention of getting involved with inter-organizational politics. He placed the achievement of this goal before any personal recognition on his part.

I drafted a proposal tailored to Hynek's wishes and submitted it to him for approval. I then asked Paul Cerny, Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. David Jacobs, Richard Hall, John Schleuchler, Ray Fowler, Budd Hopkins, and Dan Wright for signatures of endorsement. All agreed and the proposal was submitted Sept. 30, 1985. Copies were sent to MUFON, CUFOS, Funds for UFO Research, and one to Hynek.

The proposal called for mutual cooperation and maximum utilization of our resources. It outlined division of duties for the three organizations and covered the areas of: 1. Investigation of cases, 2. Funding research, 3. Establishing a speakers bureau, 4. Sponsoring symposia, 5. UFO publications, and 6. Public information. In some instances, that a single organization be responsible for a specific area as well as a joint effort for specific areas, such as symposia.

As for responses, MUFON was specific as to what they could and could not do. CUFOS and the Fund for UFO Research were both vague and evasive and only supportive of the idea. No action was taken. However, the 1987 symposium was a joint effort by MUFON and the Fund for UFO Research.

My paper at the 1988 symposium is not a call to reconsider the proposal, however professionalism must be our top priority at this time. A serious commitment of the study is the basis for the foundation. There must be a willingness to be a proper contributor to UFOlogy. We must be trained in proper procedures and protocol. We must be willing to be workers contributing to the field of study as a whole, rather than feeling a need to claim sole possession of one's cases or territorial guarding of ones

research.

Vital is the ethics toward the witnesses, media contacts, and colleagues. Only through maximum utilization of our resources can we ever progress in our attempt to understand the phenomena. We are much stronger together than we are alone.

It is imperative we keep in mind we are representatives of the UFO subject. The way in which people perceive us is the way in which they also perceive the UFO subject.

We therefore have a crucial responsibility to the media, the public, academia, the government as well as to our colleagues and ourselves to be the best, most professional representatives as we possibly can.

UFOlogy must become a profession and the start must be made soon. For unless this happens, we face another several decades of buffoonery, ridicule, and idle prattle about sightings and useless bickering and unproductive competition among the unprofessional dabblers of UFOlogy.

They will continue to cause the UFO phenomena to be held up to ridicule in the eyes and parts of the world.



Jerome Clark-Vice-president of Center for UFO Studies
"The Fall and Rise of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis"

People who have not followed the UFO literature assume that "belief" in UFO's is synonymous with

"belief" in visitors from other planets. In the early years there were two groups of people interested in UFO's. Those who sought to investigate them scientifically and who became known as UFOlogists, and those who believed flying saucers were piloted by angelic space brothers and from this belief created a UFO religious movement. Both groups agreed that the UFO's were of extraterrestrial origin.

Until 1964 there were two possible explanations for the UFO phenomena, 1. it was real and extraterrestrial in origin, and 2. it was unreal and delusional. The idea that UFO's might be alien visitors grew out of a straight forward interpretation out of the myriad reports which came from seemingly reliable witnesses including military and civilian pilots as well as some scientists and engineers. They were usually described as disc or cigar-shaped objects. However, there were a number of reports of humanoid beings associated with the UFO sightings. These beings looked more like the product of evolutionary processes which might have developed on other planets and were consistent with the E.T. hypothesis. Moreover, UFO's were being tracked on radar confirming the testimony of the eye, which was seeing vehicles-not apparitions.

If UFOlogists were unable to prove the existence of UFO's-and probably only the securing of UFO hardware could've done that for them-at least they were making a case that respected the evidence and its implications, however fantastic. Temperature inversions were a poor explanation for fast-moving metallic discs observed by meteorologists and tracked with satellites.

Less evidential, but still suggestive, were reports and rumors of an official UFO coverup. Maj. Keyhoe was largely responsible for this strain of thinking in UFOlogy. Keyhoe was convinced early on that E.T.'s were visiting us. He even

believed he had evidence in the photos and testimony of pilots. Even less evidential, in fact non-evidentially, were shadowy rumors of events which were supposed to have occurred in the southwest in the late 1940's and early 1950's. These were the supposed crashes of UFO's and the recovery of the remains of them and their occupants.

These stories were not taken seriously because the best known such story, which was the Aztec, New Mexico crash reported in Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers," had been exposed as a hoax and also because the stories were invariably unverifiable. Nevertheless, such tales played an important role in the E.T. hypothesis.

While the 1947 reports took most Americans by surprise, there was a small band of eccentrics had long been aware that such a phenomena was being reported. These were the readers of Charles Fort's four books and those were the readers who had gone on to join the Fortean Society whose periodical "Doubt" chronicled reports of strange aerial sightings from Fort's death to the Arnold encounter.

Predominantly were the reports of giant airships of 1896-97. The dirigible scare had people enthralled for about six months, but was forgotten by everybody until Fort revived the incidents in his 1919 book "The Book of the Damned". The next mention of the airships was in Donald Kehoe's 1950 publication "The Flying Saucers are Real". Kehoe reported the giant cigar-shaped vehicles which terrorized America. In the early 1960's Lou Farish, Charles Flood and I examined the original reports from the archives. What we saw surprised all of us. The reports were of air ships, not of space ships, not cigar-shaped UFO's. When they landed, they contained very human pilots who made extravagant claims about their inventions and promised full disclosures in the very near

future. I remembered how shaken I was when I read the accounts. How could anything like this be squared with the E.T. hypothesis? Was there really a UFO phenomena?

In 1965 and 1966 Jaque Vallee would write two scientifically-based UFO books which argued that well documented reports by credible observers suggested that E.T. visitations were in progress. In 1969, however, Vallee commented that what would follow had "nothing to do with science" (that quote from "Passport to Mygernia"). He went on to argue that UFO's were a part of fairy folklore and religious visions.

In the mid 1960's, John Keel took on the E.T. hypothesis with a wild paranoia-driven vision of his own. One that incorporated hideous monsters, poltergeists, men-in-black and menacing alien entities into a nightmare vision of a human race helpless prey to forces from another reality.

In 1965 I suggested that contact claims be re-examined in light of what we're learning about the phenomena.

In a book I wrote in 1974, "The Unidentified," I set aside Keelian paranoia about manipulative aliens from other realities, and argued that we were manipulating the phenomena, not the other way around. Picking up on the folk traditions about "little people" and modern reports about UFO humanoids, I suggested we were creating things with our own alleged psychokenetic powers. I wrote that Carl Jung's notions of archetypes of the collective unconsciousness explained the symbolic significance of such encounters.

In the 1970's the American UFOlogists had become polarized between the extraterrestrials and the parapsychists. The most important convert to the parapsychical was J. Allen Hynek who moved closer to the quasi-cult interpretation to the flying saucer phenomena. Hynek was not

completely inclined, in fact, he could not accept the idea of an official UFO coverup. But he did take to Vallee's notion between UFO's and the paranormal. He also was convinced that interstellar visitation was impossible because the distances were too great.

There is such a thing as a subjective visionary experience which draws on UFO and E.T. imagery. I'm talking about the contactee phenomena. Abductees and contactees are two very different animals. The terms are not synonymous. Abductee reported experiences are entirely consistent with the rest of the UFO phenomena, including non-abduction CE-3's. Contactees, on the other hand, claim experiences of a physical or psychic nature with benevolent or angelic beings from other planets. These don't count for credible CE-3 accounts. These aliens inhabit a universe whose origins are in theosophy and occult tradition. Most contactees have histories as occult seekers or teachers.

In the late 1970's it was evident that parapsychical UFOlogy was going nowhere. One of its central tenants, the jealous nature of the UFO phenomena, was just plain wrong. The new UFOlogists assumed that because they could not prove the reality of UFO's, the reality of UFO's could not be proved. The apparent jealousy of the UFO phenomena had more to do with the limitations of the UFOlogist than with the UFO itself.

A dramatic falsification of the jealous phenomena hypothesis took place in 1981. In the wake of a CE-2 in a French village. Within a day of the sighting of a disc-shaped machine observed by a local man, police were at the sight collecting soil samples and interviewing the witnesses. Within days GEPAN (the French UFO organization) had the soil samples.

In addition, the French UFO investigators had conducted their own investigation. At the conclusion of the inquiry, GEPAN produced a report which documented

extraordinary and impossible-to-fake changes in vegetation at the sight.

As UFO research enters into its fifth decade, we find ourselves oddly back where we began, back to the E.T. hypothesis, back to the notion that the U.S. government might have all the answers. Only this time our evidence is better, our investigation more skilled, our picture broader in every way.

The years ahead of us are full of promise and fraught with peril. I'm not suggesting anything sinister or paranoid, but simply saying as our understanding of the phenomena grows we are going to have to confront difficult questions and unsettling realities.

We are likely to get our wish, we soon may know what UFO's are, but we may wish we hadn't. Yet for better or worse our long quest is almost over.



Raymond W. Boeche-Researcher
"Public Reaction to Alien Contact:
A Study".

The history of this study stems from reports by President Reagan about the idea that an extra-terrestrial might unite the two nations (US-USSR). As well as the release of the MJ-12 documents.

I wondered how people would react to the possibility of extraterrestrial contact.

My scenario: "The lead story on a major networks national news broadcast begins! The United States government today reveals since 1947 it has maintained a massive coverup concerning

unidentified flying objects, or UFO's. The government affirmed the existence of these objects and explained their origin as inter-planetary. Air Force intelligence officers, the Secretary of Defense and the Director of the National Security Agency stated that a crashed UFO and its alien occupants, apparently killed in the crash, were recovered in the New Mexico desert in July 1947.

The wreckage and bodies were transported to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for study. It was also disclosed that in 1949 another crashed ship was recovered, this time with one of its occupants surviving. This alien lived until 1952 during which time it was able to communicate a great deal of technological information to those individuals who were involved in its study.

This data included information which enabled our government to establish electronic communication with other members of this race. Communication has been ongoing since the mid-1950's.

In 1964 a fully operable craft was given to the United States. This took place at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The US has been conducting tests on this craft, including test flights since that time. The technology involved, however, is so advanced as to make it impossible to reproduce at the present time. Here now is film footage released today depicting both the actual craft and the alien occupants."

This scenario was presented, in this form, to about 500 psychologists and psychiatrists across the country. How would the public respond? There has been no solid evidence to predict how the public would respond.

Panic, mass hysteria, and misinformation have been suggested by two reports which have been conducted in the past. There could be a threat to the function of the bodily politic. Both of these reports were dated by the paranoia of the 1950's and have little

relevance today.

Since no specific study of possible public reaction of extraterrestrial contact had previously been conducted and the above reference studies are to time-specific to provide a useful comparison for today.

This present study was undertaken. It attempts to isolate specific areas of concern, both short and long term, and to anticipate and predict possible public reactions.

There are three primary areas of concern with an event of this nature. Individual reaction, societal reactions, and political reactions. International responses must also be considered.

Because of their intimate day-to-day contact with all types of individuals and of necessity their close relationship and awareness of the problems facing our society today, mental health care professionals were chosen for this survey. In a random, blind study 475 of these scenario response sheets were sent to practicing psychologists and psychiatrists nationwide.

86 of the 475 responded or roughly 18%. Participants were asked to read the scenario and rate on a scale of 1-strongly disagree to 5-strongly agree based on how the statement agreed with probable public response.

1. People would respond with a "so what?" attitude. 47.65% said that would not occur.

2. People would respond with great interest and curiosity, but not fear. 41% said that would be the case.

3. Mass panic would occur. 23% said it would not occur. 29% leaning towards a yes response.

4. Religious beliefs would be shattered. 35% said that would be the case.

5. An authority crisis would occur. 41% said that would happen.

6. Basic socio-political structures would collapse. The response was that it probably would not occur.

7. Peoples sense of

ethno-centricism would increase dramatically. Most agreed that it would increase.

8. The entities would be given god-like status. That probably would not occur.

9. Financial chaos would result due to the culture shock. This could trigger a stock-market crash.

10. Global societal amity would result because humanities scientific, religious, social, and political aspirations would become obsolete. Agree.

11. The effect on mankind as a whole would ultimately be as debilitating as the European effect on Native American cultures. Agree.

In the short term, they feel we would handle the news rather well. The long term, however, could produce problems.



Rev. Barry H. Downing
Presented by Scott Colborn,
Assistant State Director for
Nebraska
"UFO's-Four Questions for
Theological Seminaries"

Barry's interest is in theology, that interface between perhaps the UFO reality and theology. He's presently a pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Inwell, New York, and an author of quite a good book you might have recognized from about some twenty years ago, "The Bible and Flying Saucers", which I recommend wholeheartedly.

Downing's survey presents findings of a survey questionnaire sent to 100 Christian theological

seminaries to determine their openness to the question of UFO's and their awareness of issues raised for theology. The paper presents an analysis of Biblical references of the possible UFO phenomena and of theological issues inherent in the data. The paper also examines government secrecy and its implications for UFO research and theology and argues the need for theological seminaries to consider religious implications of UFO's.

The covering letter was as follows: "As author of the book 'The Bible and Flying Saucers' I have a continuing interest in the relation between UFO's and Christian theology. I am contacting leaders of seminaries throughout the US in asking them to fill out the enclosed questionnaire. Return it to me in the enclosed SASE. If you return this to me, it's my hope to use the response in a publication I am preparing, and trust that you would be willing to be quoted.

In the midst of your busy schedule I hope you find time to respond. Yours truly, Dr. Barry H. Downing.

1. Do you believe it's possible some UFO's carry an intelligent reality from another world?

2. If some UFO's do carry an intelligent reality from another world, what might be some consequences for Christian theology?

3. Have there been any formal studies of the relations between UFO's and Christian theology in your seminary classes? For instance, has there ever been a suggested connection between UFO's and the Biblical doctrine of angels?

4. Using the Freedom of Information Act, Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood in their book 'Clear Intent-The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience' had published formerly secret CIA, FBI, and other government UFO documents.

Courts have blocked the release of hundreds of pages of UFO documents in the name of national security. Can you think of any negative

consequences for Christian theology of a government policy of UFO secrecy?"

During the early months of 1985, 26 survey forms were returned to me. In retrospect, it was a mistake to say in a letter "I trust you would be willing to be quoted". One response was that you are welcome to the info, but it is not for quote.

The responses to question one (1) were: yes-11, no-6, other-9.

The responses to question two (2) were: There were a few who wrote "no" in answer to this question, or "not applicable", but in general, this question received the most detailed responses. The responses fell into two broad categories. The first was "Little or nothing would change in Christian theology" and "Our theological knowledge would undoubtedly be challenged and expanded".

The responses to question three (3) were: yes-3, no-20, other-3.

The responses to question four (4) were: yes-2, no-11, other-13.

(The bulk of the paper presented by Rev. Downing was based on various data he had put together over a course of many years of research, through the various responses sent to him in regards to the survey, and much of his own insight into the various topics. Regretably, space here does not allow for all the pertinent information to be presented.

The remainder of this article is the closing statements made by Rev. Downing. ED.)

I believe plenty of UFO evidence exists, at least in Peter Gerstens courtroom sense. We have overwhelming proof that UFO's do exist, but a community of faith should not need proof that UFO's exist in order to begin an investigation into what UFO stories are about. I would say there is much more proof for the existence of UFO's than there is to support many of the Biblical stories that form the core of our Christian experience.

When I find more seminary

leaders asking for more proof about the existence of UFO's I find myself wondering on what basis they affirm the Apostle's Creed? Seminaries do not need more proof confirming the existence of UFO's, seminaries need to believe that UFO stories should be investigated and the implications of these stories must be weighed within the context of our faith tradition. I do not know that this investigation nor where this investigation will lead, but I firmly believe we are years behind in beginning our theological journey.



Walter N. Webb-Astronomical Consultant
"Encounter at Buff Ledge: A UFO Case History"

(This was a slide presentation)

As we all realize, there is a kind of a unique situation with UFO abduction cases and first of these is that most cases represent only one persons report. Now, in the better cases with more than one witness, multiple witness abductions experience nearly all of those. Family members and close friends are usually involved and this inevitably involves communication after the event. And, of course, with communication among friends and family members when they are possibly hypnotised, there is a risk of contamination. The contamination can take many forms, it could be altered memories, it could be unconscious or consciously borrowed details, and embellishment of the account.

There are other problems with multiple-witness episodes. Sometimes only one in the group of witnesses has been hypnotically regressed. Therefore, no confirmation of the claim. In other cases, one of the hypnotised members of the group may have failed to support the abduction.

The first thing that I think makes this case that I'm going to be relating today important and unprecedented is that neither individual in this dual-witness encounter communicated with the other over a span of ten years between the conclusion of their sighting and the initiation of my investigation. Despite their being apart for ten years with periods of missing time these two individuals reported, under hypnosis, an abduction scenario that was shared in both major and minor details.

The second thing that may make this unprecedented is that I believe my five year investigation into the single case makes it the most thoroughly documented single abduction case to date.

This investigation included the following things: Separate interviews with both primary witnesses as well as some potential secondary witnesses. The investigation included three trips to the site which was in Vermont. At the site I took photographs, made measurements, angular measurements, made maps, and had one of the primary witnesses reenact the case. It also included determining weather conditions and the position of bright celestial objects for the date and place in question.

The investigation included twelve hours of taped hypnotic interviews. It included a search for additional witnesses and independent sightings in the general area. The case goes back to 1968.

When it was all over, after five years, my investigation had reached into twenty-three states and the District of Columbia. I had driven 3200 miles all across New England,

and if that wasn't enough I took two and a half more years to write a book on this with the same title of this paper.

The experience took place August 7th, 1968, at a private summer girl's camp on Lake Champlain north of Burlington, Vermont. It was an isolated area, grassy slope surrounded by woodland on three sides and then on another side a bluff 15 feet high overlooking a strip of beach about half-a-mile long and protruding from the beach was an L shaped dock that went out for over a hundred feet into the lake, and that's where the encounter occurred.

The name of the camp was Buff Ledge Camp, it no longer exists, just a bunch of buildings stand there. I was able to find 11 counselors from the camp from 1968, and seven campers.

One of the witnesses was a 16 year-old boy from nearby Burlington, and I'm going to call him Michael. The other witness was Janet, a 19 year-old Smith student from southern New Hampshire.

Just after sunset the experience occurred. I'm going to mention Michael's conscience memory of what happened first. Michael spotted a bright light in the southwestern sky 25-30 degrees up. At first he thought it was the planet Venus. All of a sudden, Venus swooped down in an arch. Both of them watched this, and as it swooped down it increased in size and changed its shape to a white glowing cigar shape.

The object halted and immediately released three lights, one at a time, from below. These three objects put on an aerial display for about five minutes. They got closer, and the cigar-shaped object left to become a point of light. Michael said they seemed to be domed discs.

At the end of the five minutes, the three objects went into a horizontal triangle. Two objects disappeared in opposite directions, with the third proceeding in the direction of the witnesses.

At this point, Michael described seeing more details on this object.

He said it had a revolving, rotating band of spectral light. It also pulsed in sync with a very complicated sound. All at once, the object shot vertically straight up into the sky and disappeared.

The object reappeared and came straight down, stopped momentarily, and plunged into the lake. After a few minutes, the object came out of the water. It moved very fast toward the dock and stopped 60 feet from the end of the dock.

He described it as being as big as a small house, 40-50 feet across. It had a white glow all over it which even surrounded the dome. Michael could see two entities looking back at him.

Janet was frozen in a trance-like state. There was suddenly a telepathic communication between one of the entities and Michael. He assured no harm, that they had come from a distant planet, that their race had made earlier visits to Earth, and had returned after the first nuclear explosions.

The object had moved to within 10 feet of the end of the dock. Michael said he wondered what it would be like to be inside the object. As soon as he thought that, the object passed directly above him. He jumped to try to touch it and a conical light came on. He felt weak, lost consciousness, a feeling of soft lights in a dark place, mechanical noises and alien voices.

Other campers came into the area, but seemed oblivious of the event. The object rose and flashed a strobe-like light across the camp. Two campers (Susan and Barbera) were attracted to the light, or something. It then vanished in a matter of seconds.

Michael called Plattsburg Air Force Base to find an answer. The Air Force reported they had received UFO reports that night. They had gotten sightings, but had not conducted exercises. The next day he told friends and relatives

about the incident, but was rebuffed. He was unable to talk to Janet about the incident, fearing trauma on her part. She wanted to talk to him, but didn't know why.

The camp closed a few weeks later and they went their separate ways. Over the years Michael sought to repress the CE-3. However, he had dreams of being on board the object. Ten years later he went public.

Michael contacted me and told the whole story. I told him he had to find Janet for confirmation of the story. She was eventually found and talked to. She had remembered the incident, but not very clearly. I set up a time and place for a meeting, but was very careful as to what conversation took place between the two. Michael had already undergone a hypnosis session and claimed to have been abducted.

Janet agreed to be hypnotised on her next visit to me. Michael underwent five sessions, Janet underwent three. Both accounts were quite similar.

They both describe being on board the object, seeing aliens, and being able to recall details in which some sort of examination was taking place.

Michael claimed vivid recall of his experience and responded in great detail. Janet had no knowledge that Michael had reported an abduction. Under hypnosis, she gave similar descriptions described by Michael.

The existence of a computerized panel was described by both witnesses. This is one of the most promising corroborations of the incident. Both told virtually the same story without conferring with each other and without any prompting on the part of the hypnotist. I maintain that we recovered original memory traces.

I found both Susan and Barbera and independently said that they recalled the incident. They described similar accounts, but neither remembered seeing Michael or Janet at the scene.

There is no substantiation of

the sightings by Susan or Barbera, as well as a third possible witness-Elaine. Speculation is all that exists that the three witnesses viewed something on the same night.

Both witnesses were tested and found to have seen a possible UFO, but neither person can be confirmed to have been abducted. Michael's life changed drastically after the sighting, and his career has varied greatly. Janet, however, continued in her education, pursued a career and has become preoccupied with family life and has forgotten the UFO incident.

In my judgement, the probability is high that Michael and Janet experienced a real external event of unknown origin.



Jaime Shandera-Independent TV Producer
"An Update on the MJ-12 Documents"

I've been involved in the MJ-12 investigation for six years. I consider myself to be a skeptic. I'm not a member of any UFO organization. It was my insistence that we bring in media personal at a very early stage of the game to confirm as a disinterested third party that there was confirmation who we were dealing with was inside the intelligence community and not just someone we wanted to say was inside the intelligence community.

The story reported by the contact personal was outside my range of expertise. Bill (Moore) and I are the only ones in contact with the informants. We needed to

determine many of the perspectives of this case. Was it a hoax, why would someone benefit from this? The total number of informative operatives is up to ten, six of them being major.

We made the decision to play the rules of the intelligence operatives provided we didn't violate any journalistic ethics, any legal ethics, or moral ethics in the process.

We were criticized for holding the MJ-12 documents so long, but it was for good reason. Before you release any information you need to examine the evidence. Also, it tells us who else has the same material.

If we believe what we're told, that the MJ-12 documents are real, it exists autonomous of the president of the United States. It is virtually a mini-government within the government with sole responsibility for everything related to the subject area.

So when we talk of coverup, what do we talk about? They come in many different shapes and colors. If you accept the premise that the Roswell crash as being real, and the government came in immediately, the only responsible thing the government could do would be to cover it up. Not coverup in the sense to hide it from everybody, but get control of it, determine what is going on, determine who is it going on with, is there a threat to national security, and what is national security?

From the beginning it looks as if they did set up a Majestic-12, with twelve very high level individuals with very high level staffs, and begin the examination of this material. It still appears to be valid information.

Next you need to set up a premise. First is that you accept this document for what it is. So let's see if we can prove that it is what it says it is, or can we disprove it? Short of someone in the government coming forward, and that might be in the works very shortly, I can't authenticate a

document, but I can find out a lot of things about it. What you can prove is, is it a fraud? To this day nothing has surfaced to prove that it is a hoax or a fraud.

The bottom line is can you prove it? That is the whole premise of our work. Bringing in news media was a beginning. It gave us the disinterested third party. To this day we have received not one nickel by this. We have been accused of perpetrating a hoax, but we have nothing to gain by this. We have everything to lose by it.

The biggest factor that often comes up is why doesn't the government tell us? You've got to understand something, we're dealing with the biggest secret the world has ever known. That the system was set up so thoroughly that access to this material was buried so deep within a labyrinth that you simply don't walk in a room and get the material and walk out with it.

We have heard various methods with which photographs can sometimes be viewed through a metal tube which is designed in such a way that you can't re-photograph material through the tube. Documents are many times treated in such a fashion you can't photocopy them, they will burn on the machine.

Early on I said why get into arguments with skeptical people at UFO conferences? We had to accept the possibility of failure. What interested me was the caliber of the individual we were initially dealing with.

I look at it with the critical eye of a TV news story. I eventually want to go on the air with the story. How can I go on the air with this story? Obviously we need the evidence. Parts of crafts, still photographs, extensive footage, and the possibility that one of those little buggers lives here and is under a controlled facility.



Walt Andrus-International Director
MUFON
"The Gulf Breeze Case"

(This is a slide presentation)

To share the Gulf Breeze case with you tonight is very interesting. We have put a disclaimer in every issue of the MUFON UFO Journal in the past few months. We started in March and have had an article each month about this case because what's unique about this, in the 30 or 40 years we've been around this field this is the first time we've ever had a case that's of a continuing nature. It started November 11th and we have photographs up to May 1st.

The witness to the affair and his family have been very cooperative, the news media in the Pensacola-Gulf Breeze area have just been outstanding. They broke the news and had a copy of Bruce's speech on Monday and they released it this past Thursday.

Where is Gulf Breeze, Florida? It's up in the Northwest part of the state of Florida in the panhandle across the bay from Pensacola. It has probably 2500 residents, a sort of bedroom community for Pensacola and Edwin Air Force Base in the area and a lot of retired people live in the area.

We've made the disclaimer that it's either the most important case we've ever worked on or the most fantastically orchestrated hoax that would challenge Steven Spielberg to reproduce.



On the evening of November 11th (1987) Ed was sitting in his office and saw a glow in the western sky, went out to take a look, went back in and got his Polaroid camera and started taking pictures.

The first picture he made of the object is behind the tree. He used up the last four pictures in his camera, ran into the house and put in a fresh pack. You see a lot of spots on the pictures, he was pulling film out of the camera and dropping them on the driveway and when his wife came in shortly thereafter from the grocery store she helped him pick up the pictures. We don't know if this is just dust or defects in the film.

After analyzing the pictures, he debated as to what to do with them.

He took them to Duane Cook, editor of the Gulf Breeze Sentinel. Cook was so impressed with the pictures that he published three of them.

On about November 20th, Ed is alerted to what is going on by a humming sound. He stayed under the eave in the front yard, got a picture and heard a voice in his head speaking in Spanish: "Photographs prohibited." He took them anyway.

December 2nd about 3am. Ed was awakened by a hum, then heard a baby crying. In his back yard he took another photo. At 3:15 he heard the hum, got a .38 special and went to the french door. He saw an entity looking back at him. He screamed and jumped back. He tried to chase it, but was stopped by a blue beam from the object.

December 5th about 5:45am Ed saw a different type of craft about 20-30 feet above the ground. The light configuration of the craft was different. There were to be about four variations of the crafts.

December 17th there are a series of pictures from about one a.m. The hum awoke him and he took pictures with the flash on. This illuminates pampas grass nicely in the picture. Later he saw the craft hover in the field behind his home. The object hovered two or three minutes then took off and

came right toward him. It went directly over him and Ed got a photo of it.

December 22nd, about 8:15 pm he heard the hum. He had seen nothing, but another person dropped off some photos to the Sentinel on the 23rd. They were very similar to the objects filmed by Ed.

These photos and the next by Ed indicated three objects as opposed to one. The night of Dec. 27th, a man came over to Ed's house. He wanted to see what Ed was seeing. When he arrived, Ed's wife told him it was here. No photo was made that night, but the man saw the object.

The man got one and one-half minutes worth of video film of the object moving from Ed's yard to another and back again.

Don Ware and Charles Flanagan wanted to talk to Ed because this looked like a fantastic case. Don is the state director for Florida. They met with him on Jan. 7th for four hours and were shown all the pictures.

The investigators gave Ed a special 3-D camera and the photos taken were developed under special conditions with witnesses and media. The photos came out showing something. It wasn't reported as a UFO, but there was something.

Budd Hopkins had encouraged Ed to take a polygraph test. He agreed and had one done. The operator grilled Ed for hours because the answers were surprising. Ed took another test and passed it as well. The operator thought the equipment wasn't working, but everything checked out all right. The purpose of the examination: To verify the authenticity of photographs, personal sightings, experiences, and general information supplied by Mr. --- concerning his experiences with UFO's since Nov. 1987. The pretest interview, and this is the result of the examination, fall in two separate multiple charts specific issue examinations: there were no specific psychological reactions of a deceptive nature noted to any of the viewed test

questions. General areas of questioning as followed: did you falsify information you have furnished concerning the UFO's you have seen? Did you in any way falsify or lie about the photographs you have presented concerning these UFO's? Did you in any way falsify or lie about the humanoid beings that you saw or any other physical evidence that you have presented? With the information you have presented as present at this time furnished by the examinee, no consistent deceptive responses are seen. Opinions! With the information which is available to the examiner at this time it is felt that Mr. ---- truly believes that the photographs and personal sightings he has described are true and factual to the best of his ability.

Bruce Maccabee devised a stereo camera using two Polaroids and it was used for future shots. A period of time passed and on March 17th Ed took two more photographs, both with the stereo camera.

March 20th an object showed up in the northern sky. The camera was set up on the steps of his porch. A photo was taken which shows an object quite clearly.

Budd Hopkins reentered the picture and tried to talk to Ed about hypnotic regression. He was unable to do so with all the work being done to back the case. One of the things he did do during that occasion was to take Ed's daughter aside, because she was a witness to the blue beam, and interviewed her.

She simply sat down and told Budd privately, without hesitating for a moment, exactly what transpired during the blue beam that she saw and called for help from her dad. Budd's comment was that this man called Ed would have to be a monster to teach his wife, his children, his neighbors how to be bold bald-faced liars to pull off a hoax of this nature.

With the new camera on May 1st Ed was out at Shoreline Park again and got a shot of the object. This one seems to be the same object

observed with the Nimslo (3-D) camera. He took the first shot and as he was reaching over to take the second shot, the area whited-out. Nothing shows on the left camera. He awoke an hour and a half later in the sand with bumps on his head.

Ed agreed to take a cat-scan to look for some sort of implant which may have been put into his head. The only catch was that "You can't cut it out."

Nothing has happened since May 1st. It could be that if an implant was present, it may now be gone.



Dr. Bruce Maccabee-Optical Physicist
"Analysis of the Gulf Breeze Photographs"

(This is a slide presentation)

You've heard an overview of these sightings here. I don't have time to go over the paper presented in the handbook. What I will do now is give an update of the report.

Walter has said it is the most important case in recent history. I should like to point out that it's important whether it's a hoax or the real thing. It's different even from all hoax cases that we know. In particular we're interested in the multiple photo from the past. If it's a hoax we are going to learn of a new type.

In previous cases where people have claimed numerous contacts, with or without numerous photos, the people have generally said the space brothers or whatever, have

given me the true clue and I have written down the true clue what is the philosophy that humanity should follow. Here it is in a book, here it is in a bunch of papers, etc. In other words, communication from the E.T.s via this person.

But in this case we have a person who claims to get contacts which say virtually nothing pertaining to philosophy. Very minimal information transfer in this case.

Hoaxer cooperates with investigators while events are going on and even accepts a camera which is stacked against a hoax. That means that the guy is supremely confident in his ability that he can take a photo or several photos with a camera he knows virtually nothing about.

In the past we find the person taking the photos, coming up with the stories, and such, as a loner. He may have a family, but he's not bringing his family into his sightings. His family members don't claim to have seen anything, his friends don't claim to have seen anything, it's just him. This is the way he would want it. Here, however, we have a family who admit to having seen these numerous objects, they have to be part of the hoax.

Hoaxer allows photos to be scrutinized with sophisticated devices.

Hoax photos show a non-classical UFO object.

Hoaxer denies acceptable physical evidence. Walt mentioned the ring in the field. This would be a premier chance for a hoaxer to claim physical evidence. Mr. Ed was different. He said the ring was over there, but I can't say I ever saw anything over the ring. The objects were always over here.

Hoax photographs show a considerable degree of sophistication in terms of background matching, complex means of double exposing techniques, etc.

Including ability to fake parallax using a stereo camera.

Not only is the hoaxer a great photographer, he is also a great

actor. He should get an academy award for showing a man tormented by aliens while being videotaped by the editor of a local paper.

Hoaxer manages to select the exact beginning of a local flap for his first pictures and manages to temporarily embed his sighting reports within a time of a local flap.

Hoaxer is able to pass a double lie detector test given by a skeptical polygrapher.

These are characteristics of a paradigm for a new type of hoax.

If it's not a hoax, we're going to learn something too, of course. I don't know what we're going to learn, but I'm asking questions one might ask based on the assumption that it isn't a hoax. Was this a failed abduction? This is a tentative hypothesis on my part. In the first instance on Nov. 11th when after taking five photos he claims he was zapped by a blue beam that picked him up, the implication being that he was going to go up into the craft and all of a sudden he is dropped. We don't know why, but one can conjecture that had the craft been successful on Nov. 11th none of the rest of the stuff would've happened.

His family and one friend saw objects at the same time Ed did. There were several instances when other people potentially could've been witnesses, but weren't. Why did "they" try to trick Ed into the open to do something to him? There were several instances where "they" were trying to get him. For example with that little creature. The creature ran back off of Ed's porch out into the field and the implication is that they wanted Ed to follow the creature and of course, he did and got zapped by a blue beam.

What is the nature of the blue beam? We have some very interesting photographs of it. There are physical effects on the atmosphere or something that's glowing. We don't know what it is.

What is the nature of the white beam? Why is it stopped by metal, i.e. the metal of the truck?

Why were there so many other witnesses in the Gulf Breeze area when all these things were going on? And I raise the question, did "they" get sloppy with a cloaking device while trying to get Ed?

What is the nature of the communication method which is used by "them"? How is it that people claim to get communication right into their head?

Did "they" finally get Ed on May 1, and does this explain the sudden drop of UFO reports in the area?

Well, I have made my preliminary remarks which are to point out that it's an extremely important case whether it's a hoax or a real thing.

(The remainder of the talk by Dr. Maccabee was a slide presentation and analysis of the different photographs taken in the Gulf Breeze UFO case. ed.)



Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs

Budd Hopkins-author "INTRUDERS" :
"UFO Abductions-The Skeleton Key"

There are certain kinds of issues that should be brought up that we often don't let ourselves see that we're making the progress that we're making. I want to talk about some of the good things that have happened in just the past couple of years since our conference in Washington. First of all, I know that people felt a little odd about the Billy Meier case as it produced that was dealt with in the Gary Kinder book and of course there's a lot of confusion in the Streiber case in his book,

and my book all coming out at once.

I think the basic end result was actually helpful to the UFO field despite the problems on various sides in that particular conjunction of three books.

I think that what has happened is that we have made a tremendous progress with getting this issue out as something that can be seriously studied by scientists, by medical people. It has helped to have those three books out together despite the problems and I think that we have moved onto a new plane of acceptance of this crazy business that we're looking into.

Since the book came out and since all these events have taken place I've been interviewed many times and asked to appear on programs. I have only had perhaps three really bad experiences through all that time with any interviewer or press person where I was dealing with a real bigot.

The point being that we are not laughing stocks. It isn't something that people automatically mutter "National Inquirer" when they hear this. It is actually being taken seriously by the most serious aspects of the press. I feel we should congratulate ourselves for all this mutual work which we've done on the subject.

One of the things I wanted to have happen is happening. That is that medical people are coming forward.

Psychiatrists, psychologists, and others who have been extremely interested in this and are willing to help. We are now setting up, very slowly, a network I have long wanted to set up which involves medical and UFO personnel. In Gulf Breeze we have a psychologist who is doing hypnotic regressions and working with abductees in that area. So he is now an official resource.

Winston Salem, North Carolina, we have a neurologist and a very fine psychologist working with investigators there. Washington DC, we have a group of psychologists down there who are working with the local

investigators and we have a whole ongoing network in that area. Philadelphia, PA with Dr. Jacobs and his vast staff down there. New York City, I have a psychiatrist and a psychologist who are helping in investigations there. Boston, Toronto, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and so forth.

The next thing I want to mention is a new development which is quite disturbing in the abduction phenomena. That is the coming to light of many abductions involving children and even infants. I have been very moved to receive phone calls and letters and people coming over talking about something which seems to be happening to their two-and-a-half year old, or their three year old, or whatever. To give you an example, a woman called me from the New Haven area, very upset, her daughter of two years four months had been crying and having these terrible nightmares that there was somebody in the room with big eyes that was sort of going through the wall, coming in and out of the closet, a monster, and so forth. She insisted it was a dream and told the child to calm down. She said the next day after each one of these incidents, which were not too frequent, the child would stay not more than three feet away from her and was terrified to be alone. She said, "I know when my child is really deeply frightened and she has been terribly frightened."

This went on and she then said that she awoke one morning, the mother, and said her child was running down the hall towards her. Directly behind the child, almost merged with her and a couple inches taller, was an alien which was almost part of her.

This is a bizarre image, but it's one that has occurred in other cases. She sat up in bed, the mother quite terrified staring at this and as the child ran into the room the figure stopped and began to more or less disintegrate. The mother grabbed her daughter and said "Who is that with you?" The child hadn't seen the figure at

all.

In the Gulf Breeze case, a woman who lives about two or three miles from Ed's house contacted the investigator's when I was down there, met the mother and we did some hypnosis and so forth. She has a child which is probably now just about three and she said during the summer and fall the child would come tearing into her bedroom screaming, crying that there was a monster with big black eyes in the room. That he took her out one night, out of the room. I've forgotten the details, but it was something like he took her up into the sky, put her into a little plane or something like that. The mother said it was a bad dream, don't worry about it.

The mother woke up and felt an electrical current pass through her body and was quite terrified, didn't know what was happening and she said that she looked into the doorway of the bedroom, which led directly into the kitchen, and there was a little figure standing there. She then said she went to sleep.

Subsequently she took the child to the supermarket and saw the cover of my book. It looked like the figure she remembered and bought the book. The child began to cry and said "That's the monster in my room." When the TV aired a program dealing with the UFO sighting, the child saw the object and said, "That's the thing the man took me in."

I had a conversation recently with Dr. Carl Sagan. We were both on a television program in Boston, although we were not it for the same subject. He said to me "I read your book and I found it very interesting, but you've got to have better evidence."

I said, "Well, you know, we've got to investigate to get the evidence. We have to take the problem seriously to look into it."

A friend who was with me asked, "Dr. Sagan, what sort of evidence to we need?"

Dr. Sagan said, "Oh, a piece of the UFO."

I said, "Well, if we had a piece of the UFO then we wouldn't need to investigate, because we would have the proof."

He said, "Extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence."

And I said, "It seems to me, Dr. Sagan, if we have hundreds of extraordinarily similar reports in the abduction field where tiny details repeat themselves over and over again from people who do not know the others accounts, we have all of this photographic evidence, we have the ground traces which are as yet unexplained, it seems to me that all of that constitutes an extraordinary phenomena. It seems to me that an extraordinary phenomena demands an extraordinary investigation."

As I was leaving, I waved at Dr. Sagan who said, "Let me know when you have a really good case, we'll look into it."

Though conventional psychological theory cannot explain UFO abduction experiences, UFO abduction experiences can explain unconventional psychological behavior in the abductee. These encounters in UFO abductees usually begin in childhood, often as early as age three or four, and from that time on the abductee is something in the position of a tagged specimen, picked up again and again over decades. Now what happens in these cases is that certain kinds of feelings result. The person later on has to deal with these feelings without understanding the mechanisms behind them.

When the person discovers he or she is an abductee all of a sudden all of this magically falls into place and has a perfect kind of explanation. The "skeleton key" in effect, of understanding one is an abductee, unlocks a lot of very strange kinds of behavior.

Dreams are not made to put us to sleep, but to awaken us.
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David M. Jacobs, PhD
"Post Abduction Syndrome"

What I want to talk about today does very neatly dovetail with what Budd was talking about and that is basically how do people handle the abduction phenomena, what effect does it have on their lives, how do they measure up to it in a sense?

What I'm going to do is to talk about a new phrase which I'm calling Post-Abduction Syndrome. Everybody knows that if you follow the abduction phenomena and the work that's been done on it over the years, that it's basically not something people want. Most people who have had experiences don't just sort of sit around wishing that they would have them again. In fact, almost invariably people who've had these experiences don't want them, didn't want them, and don't want them to happen again, wish they had never happened, and have no desire for recurrence.

Physically, the abduction experience can leave people with a wide range of effects. We know about scars, that there are very severe eye problems that can come about, muscle pains, bruises, vaginal and navel discharges, genital disorders, neurological problems, pregnancy anomalies, ovarian difficulties, and so forth.

What I would like to talk about today is the psychological effects the abduction problem has on people. A large number of people have what I am calling Post-Abduction Syndrome. This can be defined primarily as a multiplicity of symptoms ranging from minor to debilitating psychological affects caused by unrecalled abduction experiences.

The severity of PAS varies greatly from person to person. Many people are aware that they act as ~~think in inexplicable ways~~ sometimes. Most victims of PAS can operate normally in society, yet there are some who are so anxiety ridden over these inexplicable thoughts that they have great difficulty functioning in a normal

manner.

It's important to note that many PAS also incur in people who have not had abductions. Having one or more of the symptoms does not necessarily mean that the person has been abducted. This is extremely important. It has to be stressed that many abductees are relatively unaffected by the myriad of psychological problems that abductions can cause. What is significant is that most abductees, that we are aware of, characteristically have one or more of the PAS symptoms and it is critical to investigate each case individually to ascertain if the person has indeed been an abduction victim.

The most common of all PAS problems are sleep disturbance problems. Sleep becomes a time of fear and distress. They desperately need sleep, but cannot close their eyes because of some undefinable fear.

When they do fall asleep, they have great difficulty staying asleep. Waking up during the night thinking that something is going to happen. When they do sleep, they often have disturbing dreams.

When they go to another person's house, they find that they can sleep soundly. Yet, when these persons return to their own beds, the sleep disturbances begin again.

Fears and phobias are another frequently seen condition. Sometimes the fears that people develop as a result of this are annoyances that don't have much of an effect on people's lives. Other times these fears and phobias might be serious, even life changing problems.

Abductees may be extremely afraid of being alone. They find they must be with someone at all times, particularly at night. Not because of loneliness, but because they are scared that "something will happen if they are alone."

Some abductees suddenly develop fear of a stretch of road, fields, open spaces, places they have travelled a thousand times before.

Suddenly they don't want to go there ever. They will travel miles around to avoid that spot.

Riding on escalators or elevators might provoke anxiety, fear, dread. Most of these victims know they are involved in irrational fears.

Many are seized with overwhelming panic when they must go to a routine examination or even visit a friend in the hospital.

They begin to have a generalized anxiety, and that can be tolerated. But when the anxiety becomes acute, panic disorder can plague the victim.

Animals with large eyes may provoke great anxiety in them. It's common for them to get a toy and the toy might be a bug-eyed monster. The toy lasts about three-and-a-half seconds in the house before they get rid of it.

Obsessions and phobias that relate to borderline science subjects are another common example of PAS. A sudden obsession in UFO's, for instance.

Others suffer extreme emotional reactions when they see pictures of aliens, alien drawings in books. The pictures might fill them with horror, yet they can't take their eyes off them.

Unaware abductees often have bleed-through memories of strange and unusual events happening to them. They might suddenly remember that they saw someone at the foot of their bed. A dream they might not have remembered for 20 or 30 years might suddenly come rushing back to them.

These dreams are sometimes interpreted by the abductee as an out-of-body experience. That they somehow left their body during the night. That they floated out of bed accompanied by someone they might interpret as a deceased relative or an angel. Or that they almost had an OOBIE, that they fought it and forced themselves back down and it didn't happen.

A few of them claim that they experience astral travel. They know that in some mysterious way

they have experienced a dislocation in location.

Other fears of PAS can surface relating to a relationship to babies and young children. They find that they don't like babies much. The entire birth process becomes a repulsion to them. Some feel they were once pregnant, or gave birth.

A young girl or boy may be abducted, taken on board, every inch of their body touched, genitals manipulated. While this can be accepted by younger children, it can be severely embarrassing as boys and girls approach puberty or are in their teenage years. All this can be psychologically shattering.

Some adults may feel that they were molested as a child. They may not know who did it, but they have this persistent feeling of molestation.

In less frequent scenarios the aliens might even urge the girl, who was going through puberty, to breed now that she can bear children. They might conjure up pictures, in an eleven-year-old, of humans having sexual intercourse or they might flood her mind with clinical images of the physical details of intercourse to instruct her, and the sexual imagery can be even more destructive for the victim.

These anomalous dreams, experiences, and the depression that they engender can lead the abductee into a lifelong search for the answers to the questions that they cannot even fully formulate.

To some way they know that there is a higher cosmic consciousness. They feel that they can communicate with other people by mental telepathy. They feel that they can read people in a minute. They know that something has happened somewhere along the line that has given them these abilities.

In the past the only available menu of explanation has been in the psychic and religious communities, and it is there that they have found some sort of

structure, no matter how tenuous, in which they can make sense of their lives.

Often their quest is primarily for reinforcement that they are not mentally ill. They want to prove to themselves that their feelings and bleed-through memories are legitimate. That they are not just fantasizing.

The vast majority of professional therapists are not equipped to help them, even though they do their best for them. Standard therapy not grounded in the knowledge of what actually happened to the abductee rarely dissipates their anxiety and the problem continues unabated.

Once, however, after the abductee comes to realize the truth, there are a whole new set of concerns. These concerns are not necessarily part of PAS, but they are extremely important in and of themselves. First problem for the aware is isolation. The abductee finds it very hard to tell anyone about his or her experiences. Usually the person the abductee is confining in thinks the abductee is mentally unstable. Ridicule and derision are common for all abductees, while some abductees friends sort of go along with the claims and humor the abductee for the sake of friendship.

In general, all abductees manage to come to terms with these concerns and find a trusted friend or relative to believe them, or at least not to ridicule them. Still, they cannot freely discuss their experiences with just anyone.

The concerns of the abductee are greatly alleviated during the period of memory recovery. The competent research investigator can help the abductee to overcome many of the fears and problems engendered by the abduction experience and by the consequences of recovering their memories.

No matter how they handle the experience, all abductees have one thing in common...they are victims, just as surely as women who are raped are victims, or soldiers who are victims of Post-Traumatic

Stress disorder. Crimes have been committed against them, in a sense. But their trauma is compounded because they are not allowed to remember it. They may have suffered many profoundly affecting events that are stored up in their unconscious minds. They are in pain.

It is only through the techniques of competent hypnosis and therapy that the problem can be alleviated. Only a few researchers have learned enough about the abduction phenomena, hypnosis, and PAS, and are at the same time sensitive to the victims fears and concerns to be able to help them.

Other abduction researchers must learn to recognize and deal with PAS symptoms and in conjunction with qualified therapists make this an integral part of the abduction investigation.

Today is obsolete.
Walter Lowenfels

You do not need to leave your room. Remain sitting at your table and listen. Do not even listen, simply wait. Do not even wait, become very still and solitary. The world will freely offer itself to you to be unmasked, it has no choice, it will roll in ecstasy at your feet,
Franz Kafka

We are the echo of the future.
W.S. Merwin

As it is always the same confession, the same youth, the same pure eyes, the same ingenuous gesture of her arms about my neck, the same caress, the same revelation. But is never the same woman. The cards have said that I would meet her in life, but without recognizing her.
Paul Eluard

There is not enough of nothing in it.
John Cage

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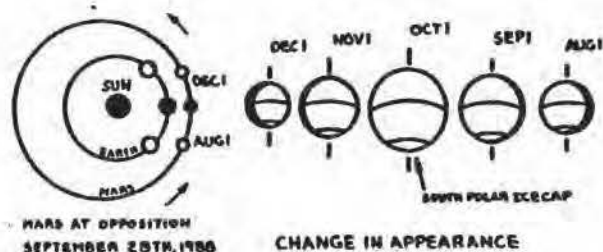
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SKY WATCH

by Erik Hubl, astronomical advisor

Keeping an eye on the sky can be both rewarding and exciting. Knowing about an event and watching it take place gives one a closer connection to the universe. But the best part about it is that it's free. Many different astronomical events take place each year. Most go unnoticed and some are mistaken for UFO sightings. Let's take a look at what's ahead for the next 3 months.

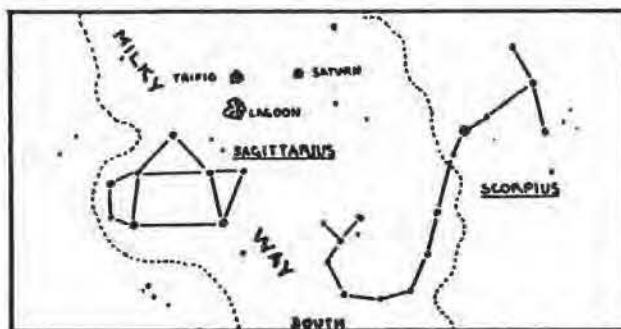
Mars has been losing its race around the Sun as the Earth, with its faster inner orbit, catches up with it this fall. This is the best opposition in 17 years and will be one of the finest to view. An opposition occurs when a planet is in the opposite direction from the sun. This year, however, geometry plays an interesting role in this matter. Mars' orbit is more elliptical than the Earth's. This causes Mars to be almost twice as close to us than the far side opposition.



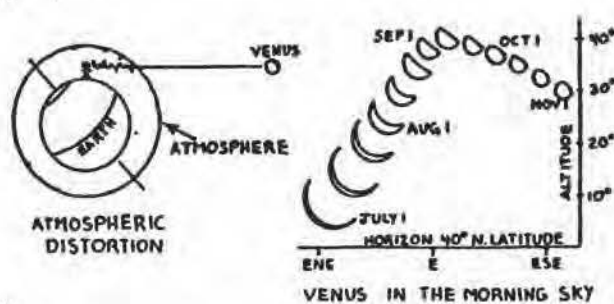
Mars will appear as a bright red star low in the south this summer. A view through a telescope should reveal Mars' southern ice cap, its pale reddish color and maybe some wispy dark features on its surface. Sand storms are much more prevalent during Mars' closest approach to the Sun. Look for Mars in the constellation Pisces. It will shine at magnitude -2.8 at opposition September 28th.

Saturn will also dominate our summer evening sky. Low in the south and shining at magnitude $+0.2$, it can be found near the constellations Sagittarius and Scorpius. For a backdrop that you

must see to appreciate, the center of our Milky Way stretches behind it. Using binoculars, one can easily spot the nearby Trifid and Lagoon Nebulas. These Nebulas are huge clouds of dust, gas and newborn stars.



Venus is our brightest planet, shining at magnitude -4.5 . If Venus is low on the horizon and the air is dusty or turbulent, Venus can waver, change color and even wink out for several seconds. Even the Moon appears larger and more orange when it's on the horizon. Venus and some of our brighter stars and planets are sometimes confused as UFO sightings when the atmosphere interferes with their image.

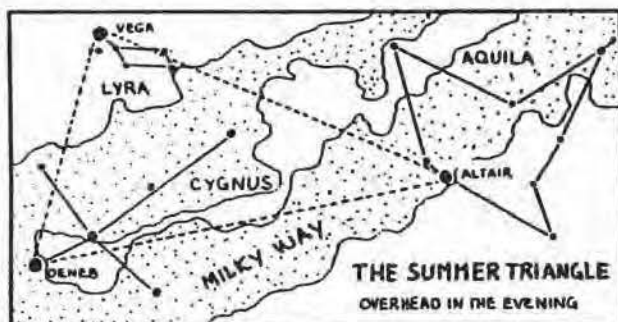


Venus is on a faster inner orbit than ours, racing away from us until we're both on opposite sides of the Sun next April. Through a telescope the thin crescent of Venus should be visible in July, and by November Venus will be at gibbous phase. Look for Venus in the morning near Taurus and Gemini.

Jupiter will also be a morning planet spending most of its time between the bright star Aldebaran in Taurus, and the group of stars

called the Pleiades. Early risers should spot Jupiter easily as it shines at magnitude -1.2 . Only nearby Venus will be brighter.

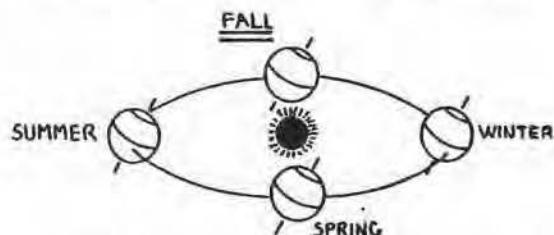
High overhead, stretched along the Milky Way are three bright stars that form the summer triangle. Each star is actually in its own constellation. Vega, the bright blue-white one of the three is in Lyra the Harp. A little parallelogram of stars hangs beside it. Deneb is the end star in Cygnus the Swan (also called the Northern Cross). Altair is the bright star in Aquila the Eagle. Find the three stars of the summer triangle and they will lead you to three prominent constellations of the summer sky.



This year the Autumn Equinox, or first day of Fall, will occur on September 22nd at 8:32 UT (universal time). The Sun will be exactly above the Earth's equator and both hemispheres will receive 12 hours of sunlight, and 12 hours of darkness. Note also that the Sun will rise due East, and will set due West. This means more fender benders on those East-West roads during rush hour traffic. Historically the Equinox's and Solstice's were always celebrated. Today most people are not aware that they occur. Take a moment out of your busy schedule to recognize this natural phenomena.

When you get there, there isn't any there there.
Gertrude Stein

AUTUMN EQUINOX SEPT. 22 08:32 UT



This summers meteor showers should be splendid. For a few nights before and after August 12th, you should see many of the Persiids which peak out at about 60 per hour on the night of the 12th at 7h UT. They are typically yellow and very fast. Some fireballs may be observed and the brightest may leave trains lasting several seconds.

Best viewing of meteor showers is actually in the morning because then the position where you are on the Earth is moving forward through space and the meteoroids are hitting us face on. Much like bugs hitting your windshield while driving down the road.

UPDATE	SHOWER	PER/HOUR
Jul 8th	Capricornids	5-30
Jul 29th	Delta Aquarids	10-35
Aug 12th	Perseids	50-60
Oct 8th	Draconids	15-25

NOTES:

Universal Time (UT) is used around the world by astronomers and others who need to avoid confusion between time zones. To find your local time, determine what time zone west of Greenwich, England you are and subtract that number from UT. If you get a negative time, add 24 hours.

Magnitude is the astronomical measure of brightness. The faintest star visible to the unaided eye is $+6$ magnitude. The brightest star is $+1$ or 0 . Venus can be -4 , a full moon -12 , and the sun -27 th magnitude.

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